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Mid-September 1949

1. The following observations were made in SCHWERIN (M 54/T 46):

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a. Moltke Kaserne: Fourteen JS-122 tanks

b. Krueger Kaserne: Four long-barreled guns coupled to full-track prime movers

c. Fritsch Kaserne: Six motor vehicles:

passenger car
ambulance
truck

truck
passenger car
truck.

30 September and 1 October 1949

2. a. A SCHWERIN high unit headquarters and a large percentage of the SCHWERIN troops left SCHWERIN on several trains. The troops/ towards ^{went} LUDWIGSLUST (M 54/T 53), allegedly for maneuvers.

b. A unit headquarters, allegedly the headquarters of an army corps including about four generals, is located in the houses on Am Tannenhof. * One general of this headquarters was transferred to MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 60) in early September 1949.

Late September to early October 1949

3. a. Only about 250 men, 18-year-old recruits, and their instructor officers were quartered in the Fritsch Kaserne on Johannes-Stelling-Strasse. The recruits wore various types of epaulets, including epaulets with signal and engineer insignia. They were politically screened by a commission of three colonels and two majors in late September 1949. It was said that this commission went to all SCHWERIN kasernes.

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The field units from the Fritsch Kaserne were on a large-scale maneuver at the time of observation. Seven trucks towing AT guns and seven track-laying vehicles left the Kaserne for an unidentified destination on 30 September 1949.

b. A high unit headquarters, commanded by a general, was located on Hagenower Strasse. **

24 to 30 September 1949

4. a. Several trainloads of German civilians, evacuated from the ROSTOK (L 55/O 51) peninsula and localities on the mainland near the peninsula, arrived in SCHERIN. The evacuees were distributed over the villages in the SCHWERIN area.

29 September 1949

b. One train loaded with guns left SCHERIN going towards LUDWIGSLUTZ.

8 and 9 October 1949

c. Little activity was observed in the Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse and in Buchholz. The troops from the Kaserne were said to be on maneuvers in the STENDAL (L 53/Y 35) area. They were expected to return about 15 October 1949.

12 and 13 October 1949

d. Light artillery AA and engineer units returned to the Adolf-Hitler-Kaserne, in Buchholz. The units were allegedly subordinate to a MAGDEBURG (L 53/Y 60) Headquarters. ***

11 October 1949

f. It was learned that Genmajor USOV was Chief of the Soviet Control Commission for Mecklenburg. ØØ

19 October 1949

5. It was learned that the SCHERIN troops who had participated in maneuvers in the MAGDEBURG area were gradually returning to their SCHERIN quarters. According to a new order, all soldiers over 24 years of age were sent back to the Soviet Union immediately upon the completion of the maneuvers without returning to their military posts. The soldiers allegedly took their equipment with them. ØØØ

Comment:

The report confirms that most of the SCHERIN units

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(94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and Third Shock Army Hq units) participated in the large-scale final Third Shock Army maneuvers in the BURG-SCHNITT-SCHNITT area from 1 to 12 October 1949.

* Hq of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, confirmed in the buildings on Am Fannenhof (Schlossgarten quarter) up to early October 1949.

** Hq of 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, confirmed at Hagenower Strasse (German Labor Front building opposite the Plessenkrug) up to early October 1949.

*** Most of the units in the Adolf-Hitler-Kaserne are believed to be Third Shock Army Hq units (indicated by the reported "subordination to a MAGDEBURG high unit headquarters"). Component units of the 236th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt are presumably also stationed in the Kaserne according to previous information.

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øøø/ Commaior TRUFANOV has so far been carried as Chief of the Soviet Control Commission (formerly SIA) for Mecklenburg. He was, however, reported to have been transferred to the Soviet Union in late June 1949. This information appears credible as Commaior USOV was reported to be Chief of the Soviet Control Commission for Mecklenburg.

øøø It is believed that the personnel of the 1925 class will be withdrawn from the Soviet occupied areas for discharge in the Fall of 1949. No other sources have as yet supplied detailed information, or information on the method of discharge. During the Summer of 1949 it was repeatedly observed that troops due for discharge were shipped to the Soviet Union via their permanent military posts. In the Soviet Union, personnel of the 1925 class were demobilized in 1948.

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